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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Applicants DeBenedetti, Arrigo, *et al.* : Docket No: 101611/507550

Serial No. 09/916,017 : Group Art Unit: 1635

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For: CANCER GENE THERAPY BASED ON TRANSLATIONAL CONTROL OF A SUICIDE GENE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2003 and further in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Paper No. 14), dated June 3, 2003. In the prosecution of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows and consider the following remarks. The time for response has been extended for one-month. In addition, the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment provides for an additional month, until July 3, 2003, to re-submit this response and amendment. The Amendment and Response has now been modified to comply with the Voluntary Revised Practice for amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.